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THE CRISIS.

As never before in the recent history of the United States, the nation is today facing a crisis of far reaching possibilities. It is just 105 years since the United States, then an infant in the family of nations, fought for the principle of the freedom of the seas. The right gained then at the expense of hundreds of American sailors and soldiers is one of the foundation stones of American liberty, a heritage too valuable to surrender at any price.

That President Wilson took the one and only honorable course open to him in view of the German note prohibiting the area of the high seas to which American shipping would be free from danger is evident by the comment from all sources in neutral countries. Every day since the President's address to congress was made endorsements from neutral powers have been received. Even so eminent an authority as Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, declared that President Wilson could have done no less.

In view of the cynical insult which was so thinly veiled in the German note coming as it did so soon after President Wilson's plea for the formation of World League to enforce peace, a rupture could not be avoided. But when the rupture did come it was greeted with a united approval by the American people. While the supreme test, a declaration of war followed by actual hostilities, has not yet been called for, it is certain that it will be met by a united people. The statements of all the leaders of the German-American citizens gives ample proof, if that were needed, of the fact that the typen and preux have been dropped in the shadow of war and that as loyal Americans they will sustain the President with their support, their wealth, their lives and their sacred honor.

The calm which has prevailed in all circles since the breaking off of diplomatic relations indicates how deeply have the American people been thinking. No one, it is true, wants war, yet there are few indeed who want a dishonorable peace, and if war it must be, then it will that the American people are ready to make the sacrifice, untidely.

THE MEN WHO FOLLOW THE SEA.

It is the bounden duty of every nation to protect all of its citizens in the pursuance of their vocations when legally followed. This duty lies as well for those who "go down to the sea in ships," as those who live by cultivating the soil.

What would a nation do without sailors? How long would it hold its position in the world if none of its citizens engaged in maritime pursuits?

Would it not be just as unreasonable to permit an outside power, by its arbitrary regulations to define a zone within our own land on which the farmers could raise no crops, as to permit that same nation to define a zone in which American seamen could not earn a livelihood at their vocation? If this nation has the right to the name it must in the words of the President given to Germany following the sinking of the Lusitania, "omit no word or deed" to uphold the rights of its citizens and protect their lives and property where ever they may be.

It is well to remember that there is a vast difference between the blockade being maintained by the entente allies and that which the German government proposes to effect. In the exercise of their blockade the allies have never been accused of sinking ships without "search." They have not confiscated cargoes or ships unless more than half of the cargoes were contraband, and only after the processes of law have been complied with.

But no stretch of imagination can make a parallel between this method and that proposed by Germany which directs that all ships will be sunk without warning, without search and seizure, be they the property of neutral or belligerent; and to add to the hideousness of the order

no provision is made for the lives of crews or passengers.

The crowning insult however is that which directs that the United States may have one boat per week each way within a narrow lane of the war zone, if our government give assurance regarding its cargo and have the vessel marked according to German directions. This was too much. To comply with order would require the abandonment of sovereignty on the part of this nation.

H. S. NOTES.

The O. H. S. Basketball team met another defeat last Friday night when the Payette bunch won by a score of 55 to 23. A large crowd witnessed the game, filling the gymnasium. As special train took about seventy five of Ontario rooters over to the game and a large number went in cars.

The game was a fast one and interesting one up to the last half when our boys fell behind and kept there till the end.

Both teams had good team work but our boys couldn't shoot baskets as well as the Payette boys. It seemed as though the Payette boys could shoot baskets from any angle while our boys had most chances and could not make a basket.

Northrop a new man on the team played an excellent game for Ontario while Goodwin and Shaffer were stars for Payette.

F. Gramse	Forwards	Lowery
Northrop	Forwards	Shaffer
Maddux	Centers	Shaffer
Christensen	Guards	Goodwin
Hind	Guards	Maule

Holland played the last half in the place of F. Gramse.

The O. H. S. second team as a preliminary to the big game played the Payette second team. This game was not so fast as the last one but was a more even match. Ontario won from Payette by a score of 17 to 13.

Madden Forwards Spaulding

Lampkin Forwards Swanson

Kershner Center Bowman

Bervin Guards Satoris

M. Gramse played the last half in the place of Pinney.

The Vale High School girl's team will come to Ontario, a week from Friday.

On account of the big show at the Opera House this week, there will be no game here Friday night.

The next Literary Society program will be given on Friday the 19th. The following program will be rendered:

1. Vocal Solo—Gladys Emison.

2. Athletic Boosters—Henry Cassidy and Ione Leuhers.

3. Song—Boys' Glee Club.

4. Reading—Helen Dunbar.

5. Piano Solo—Vada Morfitt.

6. High School Paper—Glenn Brown, Editor-in-chief.

Last Wednesday afternoon the try-out for the debate team was held. The judges, Dr. Woese, Rev. Hanna and Professor Culbertson decided upon Dorothy Cleveland and John Moore.

They will go to Nyssa Friday night to debate the Nyssa team.

The Freshmen held a class party in the Moore grove last Saturday evening. A large number were present and enjoyed various games until a late hour.

Jack Taylor is absent this week on account of an attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Miss aMcrie Huff of Caldwell enrolled last week as a Senior.

The weather has moderated a bit and this week several of the baseball fans are out throwing the ball around. Prospects are good for baseball this year as it is backed up by the student body and also several of the old players are out again.

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DISCUSSION ON CO-OPERATIVE CHECK—HOW IT CAN PERFORM ITS MANY DUTIES

Something may be mentioned here as to how the co-operative check may find its way into our neighboring towns. If a cannery and a broom establishment were in operation here in Ontario. As a comparison between the co-operative check, and the bank check in their usefulness to our community, an illustration may be cited.

Suppose Mr. A and Mr. B leave Ontario for round about Vale to purchase a horse and a cow. Mr. A with money on deposit in the bank and check book in pocket, Mr. B with co-operative deposit checks in his possession for fruit and vegetables deposited at cannery or broom corn at broom factory of the association. Looking about, Mr. A finds a suitable horse, calls out the check book, hands over a check in payment, goes on with Mr. B in search of the cow, finds a suitable animal and price agreed upon, B tenders the co-operative check in payment for the cow, the owner refuses saying he has no use for it. Mr. B steps over to the "phone", calls up Vale merchant and says, "Do you handle Ontario co-operative checks at your store in exchange for merchandise?" The merchant having previously been informed thru "ads" in our local papers and otherwise as to stock of canned goods and brooms on hand, answers at the phone, "Yes, I take them at my store as far as I can use them, bring them on." Mr. B in company with Mr. A start home with their purchases; the seller of the cow goes to Vale merchant, buys groceries, shoes and clothing for his family with the co-operative checks, or else pays a delinquent store bill with same, starts for home, happy in the thought that a new way has been found to drive the wolf from the door.

At the bank appears the seller of the horse with check in hand demanding cash. In possession with money leaves city for parts unknown and money is gone out of the community. On one of our incoming trains is our Vale merchant, goes over to the association headquarters, looks over the stock of canned goods and brooms on hand, places an order for same to the amount of co-operative checks in his possession. In looking over the transactions of the two men, it will be plainly seen that the co-operative check has transacted business of far more value to the community in general and took no money out of town, while the bank check with its limited transactions has taken money out of the city leaving nothing in return.

Realizing the difficulty of financial support for the establishment of a cannery in a new venture of this sort until fully understood or its importance fully realized the writer would suggest that a broom industry be started because of its establishment requiring little or no financial aid. The encouragement of a few farmers in raising a few tons of broom corn and manufacturing the same into brooms by an already located broom maker with necessary machinery on hand, with small expense of handles, wire and twine. An industry of large proportions could soon be underway with growing interest and further knowledge gained as to the workings of this system of co-operation, when further steps could be taken into other lines of industry, because seeing is believing in all new ventures which eventually is the best principle in education. More will be said further on this, if space is allowed.

A CITIZEN.

BOULEVARD.

Cody Butler of Arcadia visited Saturday evening and Sunday with his cousin Fred Butler.

Mr. Whitte is driving a new Ford car purchased Saturday.

Ben Rose, wife and daughter Reta were entertained at C. U. Stover's home Sunday.

Miss Edith Caron and Mr. John Magnuson from near Fruitland were guests Sunday at Harry McCarty's.

Word was received announcing the arrival of a baby daughter, Jan. 26th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Prahl, near Juntura.

Spring moving has begun. Byron Wood will move east of Fruitland and Geo. Smiths of Ontario will move to the ranch vacated by Mr. Wood. Mr. Ramey is moving to the Tom Lowe ranch at Owyhee. Frank Hawkins and family are domiciled in the Toole, Wood property. O. V. Hollows are at home on the Mahan ranch. Chas. Leavitts are preparing to rent their ranch and Harry Clement is having lumber hauled to his ranch east of Arcadia where he will

move in early spring. Holden Clement will also move to his ranch adjoining his brother and A. B. Moore will move out from Ontario to his ranch vacated by Holden Clement.

Oliver Bingham, accompanied by his son Emerson made a business trip to Caldwell Saturday.

Miss Elsie Cox of Riverside, Oregon, who has been attending Links' Business College at Boise, was a visitor at J. A. Walters' Friday and Saturday Miss Cox was on her way home to attend the marriage of her sister, Susie Cox to Chas. Brown which was solemnized at their home in Riverside Monday, Feb. 5th. The young couple will reside at Crane where the groom is in business.

Oliver Bingham and family visited at the A. B. Eldredge home near Fruitland Sunday.

Sherry Johnson and wife went to Jamieson Wednesday to visit a few days.

Under the auspices of the H. C. club an organization of ladies of the Arcadia district the reception was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gossett on their return from their honeymoon to Puget Sound cities last Friday. The reception took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams on the K. S. & D. ranch.

During the evening Mrs. Clarence Bennett on behalf of the club, of which Mrs. Gossett is a member, presented the newly wedded couple with a fine oak rocking chair. Numerous other gifts were presented them by friends present. The guests present before departing following the delightful refreshments served united in expressing their good wishes for a long and happy married life for the honored guests.

A surprise party to commemorate the 49th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Thompson, one of the best known couples of the Arcadia district took place at their home Wednesday evening.

Among those present were six of their nine living children and twenty grand children. A most enjoyable social evening, punctuated with musical numbers and recitations, was spent by the guests and after a late supper the gathering broke up with the unanimously expressed desire to be present a year hence when the golden anniversary of the much loved couple will be celebrated.

Grange to Install Officers.

The Arcadia grange will hold its regular meeting Saturday evening when the newly elected officers will be installed and five new members to the steadily growing roll will be initiated. The officers to be installed are: A. E. Kimball, master; Charles Bullard, overseer; Mrs. A. E. Kimball, lecturer; Mrs. J. F. Long, chaplain; Charles Thompson, steward; Ira Dail, assistant steward; Mrs. Charles Thompson, lady assistant steward; Clyde Long, gate keeper; Cleve Fleming, secretary; and J. Schmit, treasurer.

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